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17. (Original) The container as claimed in claim 16 wherein said kerf cut extends approximately one-half the length of said periphery.

- 18. (Original) The container as claimed in claim 16 wherein said kerf cut extends along the length of said periphery.
- 19. (Original) The container as claimed in claim 15 wherein said tether retains said seal when in said open position.
- 20. (Original) The container as claimed in claim 15 wherein said bottle is plastic.

REMARKS

Claims 2-9 and 15-20 are in this application.

Applicant has addressed the examiner's objections in claim 6 as currently amended. Claims 2-5 and 7-9 as currently amended now depend from claim 6, which is now allowable. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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